

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2010
7:00PM**

In Attendance: Miles Sinclair, Kyle Andrews, Christina McClay, Pamela Hamel (Administrative Assistant)

Audience members present

Miles called the meeting to order at 7:08p.m.

Miles made a motion to accept the minutes of October 26 as written, Christina 2nd, so voted.

The Hazardous Tree Removal date was changed to November 13.

Lou Lieto and Bill Jolly have been appointed to the local auditor's position until the March elections. The Board is applying for a waiver of the full audit. **Miles made a motion to sign the waiver request to DRA with respect to the audit, Christina 2nd, so voted.**

The Board has appointed Joe Piviroto as part-time Interim Chief. He will be handling all the administrative responsibilities and doing some patrol as time allows. Joe feels very strongly about this community and wants to lead it in the right direction.

The Board feels that Maxam has accomplished most of the project that they received a special exception for in 2008. After getting guidance from LGC regarding this matter, they made the decision to renew Maxam's building permit as the renewed permit covers a building included in the original project submission, thus showing that Maxam is vested in the project.

The Board spoke with Malcolm Washburn regarding the damage done by We Log on Sculptured Rocks Road. He has agreed to pay a reasonable cost for damages. Concerning the damage done on Province Road; LandVest has agreed to supply 3 truckloads of 1.5" gravel for the road.

John Fitzpatrick has submitted some septic plans that add a leach field to the tank that he already had installed. **Kyle made a motion to sign the building permit and septic plans for Fitzpatrick, Christina 2nd, so voted.** Board would like the Health Officer to follow up on this situation until it is resolved and keep them updated.

Christina made a motion to sign the Hesselton building permit, Kyle 2nd, so voted. The Health Officer said a composting toilet is legal although he would prefer that an incinerating toilet be used, and there is no law against bringing in bottled water.

The Board met at the intersection of Blanchette Lane and North Groton Road with Bill Chamberlin, Dennis Ford and Tony Albert from the Department of Transportation, Glen Hansen, Rod and Claire Peverley and interested parties to discuss how to improve the line of sight at this intersection. Putting in the Y that was there several years ago does not increase visibility sufficiently enough to take care of the issue. And if the road is re-laid the Town's attorney said the Town may have to provide some compensation to the Peverleys. Dennis Ford said the best fix is to have the road reconfigured by raising

North Groton Road to eliminate the dip. This will affect the surrounding properties and he does not feel that the State will entertain this project at this time. He does believe there is a realistic chance to get some cautionary signage. At this time there is not even a sign alerting motorists to the upcoming intersection. Signs with verbiage such as 'Blind Intersection or Use Caution' would be appropriate. Mr. Ford also indicated that there might be a cost sharing option available for reconfiguring the road. Pam questioned whether it is appropriate for the Town to raise funds for a State road. This will need to be researched. Kyle feels the Board should approach the state regarding signage on the state road and ask Glen Hansen to order a sign for Blanchette Lane. Christina agrees with Kyle regarding signage. She also pointed out that Mr. Peverley has been willing to trim the branches in order to help with the line of sight.

Miles made a motion to make a request of the State to put a sign on North Groton Road addressing the Blanchette Lane intersection in whatever cautionary language they deem appropriate, have Glen Hansen order a "use caution, limited sight visibility" sign for Blanchette Lane and make a request of the State to look at reconfiguring the road way to remove the dip which removes the visibility issue, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

John Fitzpatrick has been looking for the Town to assist him in paying tuition for his daughter whom he has chosen to put in a different school district. The Board met with him during a work session, did some research regarding this issue and sent him a letter with the results of this research and their position. The Board is not in favor of his proposal. Mr. Fitzpatrick would like to meet with the Board in a work session to discuss this again. The Board does not feel that another work session will accomplish anything else but they are willing to speak with him again during a regularly scheduled Select Board meeting. Pam will ask Mr. Fitzpatrick if he would like to be on the agenda.

Miles attended the Groton Wind Farm adjudicatory hearings last week in Concord. There are some issues that have come up that could be significant. One has to do with the distribution lines. For a number of reasons the company has proposed a different route for these lines and they have not been able to do a number of studies to determine the impact of using this alternate route. The SEC has 240 days from the date of the submission of the application to make a decision. That deadline is in December. Another issue remaining is the Company's agreement with Groton. They have made a breakthrough regarding the decommissioning portion of the agreement. Only a few minor issues remain. The Board took a few minutes to review some final changes. Pam will submit these to Groton Wind for their comment.

The Zoning Board did grant the Select Board's motion to rehear the decision regarding Mike Ethier's gravel pit. That hearing will take place on December 6 at 7:00pm at the Town House.

Miles announced that Anne Tobine and Pam Yinger have both submitted letters of resignation from the Groton Recreation Committee (GRC). In their letters of resignation they both stated that they are currently too busy to continue but are willing to offer assistance to any new committee members. **Miles made a motion to accept their resignation letters, Christina 2nd, so voted.** At this time there are no remaining members on the GRC. The Board is asking residents to step up and fill these positions.

Kyle made a motion to sign Blye's amended septic plans, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Miles made a motion to sign the Gallant amended septic plans, Christina 2nd, so voted.

The Board reviewed 4 abatements/refunds for 2010 taxes. Three are due to the lowered tax rate, one to an error made by the Administrative Assistant.

Miles made a motion to sign the abatement for Upper Birch Holdings, Kyle 2nd, so voted. Miles motion to table their refund amount until it is recalculated, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina made a motion to sign the Lundberg abatement, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Two property owners will receive small refunds.

Miles made a motion to sign the Timber Tax Warrant for the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina made a motion to sign the Timber Tax Warrant for the Stanley Jackson Revocable Trust, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Deb Lindsey ask if there are any Town regulations the Historical Society would need to know about if they were to install a composting toilet. The Board said they would refer this to the Health Officer.

Miles made a motion to go into nonpublic pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b & c) at 8:43pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Miles made a motion to go out of nonpublic at 10:08pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:09pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.